

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Thirteen Artists Featured in 7th Annual Neighborhood Art Walk

Seven years ago I combined the idea of a visual art tour with the downtown Madison lifestyle of walking, thus an Art Walk. I wanted to do something in and for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood in an area that I knew something about. I had been a publicist for the Art Fair Off the Square for many years and thought I would use that knowledge to promote a smaller, neighborhood art event. I also knew that there were a lot of artists living in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.

Since the Art Walk is sponsored by the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood we have decided not to go beyond the neighborhood's physical boundries. I have been asked many times to accept a visual artist who lives outside of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood but have chosen to keep the Art Walk as an actual walkable event.

For the artists, the Art Walk is like any other art fair they participate in except



they don't have to pack up their art for travelling to an art fair. On the other hand they have to clean their house and make the exhibit space functional for patrons.

The Art Walk has grown in popularity over the seven years. Many people now look for the Art Walk signs advertising the upcoming event or look for us in the newspaper. We draw people from all over Madison, not just our neighborhood. We invite the drivers to park at

Christ Presbyterian Church and walk the Art Walk from there.

Summer 2008

Maps are handed out at 408 Washburn for those who haven't gotten them before hand in the Tenney-Lapham Newsletter. Madison has a large community of active visual artists which makes it difficult for individual artists to gain a showing for their art.

The Art Walk is an opportunity for the artists in our neighborhood, whether they are established artists or are getting started in the art busi-

ness, to have an appreciative audience.

This year's art walk takes place on Sunday, June 29 from 1:00-5:00. Please see pages 12-13 for a map and a listing of the artists.

- Sharon Redinger

Pods on the Horizon by Brooke Godfrey (top) Above the Fever by Brian McCormick



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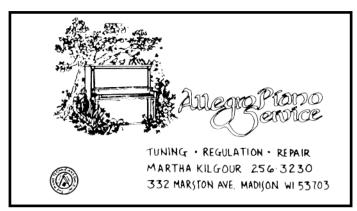
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Parks

Soccer is Returning this Summer to Breese

The sound of fans cheering will soon be wafting through the neighborhood again as phase 1 of the Breese Stevens renovation will soon be concluded. The renovation of Breese began last fall and was slated to be finished by the end of May but the cool spring weather prevented the waterproof membrane from being applied to the concrete decking as scheduled. Once the membrane is applied, the new maroon-colored aluminum bleachers (no more

slivers from the old fiberglass bleachers!) can be attached and then soccer games can be played. Current plans are for everything to be finished by the end of June.

The two main features of the renovation were repairing the concrete infra-



Putting the finishing touches on the deck-

structure and increasing handicapped accessibility to the stadium. Because by state law, the seating capacity of the stadium is correlated with the number of restrooms, there will be no bleachers installed under the grandstand. All the bleachers will be in the open area paral-

lel to East Mifflin Street. However in a future renovation phase, more restrooms will be added which will enable bleachers to be installed under the grandstand.

In a recent phone interview, Tom Maglio, landscape architect for Madison Parks, expressed his satisfaction with the results of Phase 1 and was looking forward to Phase 2 of the project scheduled for 2009 which involves painting, building a new press box, and adding new referee lockers. The ultimate goal is to get the WIAA state high school soccer tournament back at Breese Stevens.

The Madison 56ers National Premier Soccer League amateur team has scheduled games at Breese Stevens this summer and high school and college games will follow in the autumn.

- Bob Shaw









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President's Report

Have a Happy and Safe Summer

Every month, the Police Department publishes a Madison Central District Newsletter. It provides statistics on all of the crimes that occurred in the preceding month. Tenney-Lapham is part of the Central District, which includes the whole isthmus from Fordem/First/Winnebago to the Park/Regent/Hospitals area. The statistics include the block location (not the exact address) of each incident, the category – burglary, robbery, battery, assault, etc. - and a brief description.

One thing that is clear from the newsletter is that Tenney-Lapham is a very safe neighborhood in comparison to most of the central district. While not crime free, we have very low numbers in comparison to parts of Marquette, Downtown, and Basset.

Keeping Tenney-Lapham safe will not happen automatically. It depends on us. It includes good common sense practices and consistent reporting of problems, even small ones. Many burglary reports include the text: "door left unlocked". I have occasionally heard people say things like "my car was rifled last night, but I didn't report it because I had left it unlocked". Of course, it is good common sense to keep all doors locked, but it is also important to make a police report. The police rely on statistics to help them focus their attention and resources. No report = no statistic.

There have also been reports of people running door-to-door scams asking for money to "fix a flat tire" or to "buy gas". Giving money to scammers or panhandlers does only one thing – it increases scamming and panhandling. Captain Schauf of the central district has stated: "the money you give isn't going to gas or tires, it's going to drugs or alcohol". Panhandling is legal, unless it is done in front of the doorway to a business or is physically or verbally aggressive. In that case, report it. Otherwise, make a donation to a local social service agency, not to the panhandler.

How to report? It depends on the problem. Call:

911 – for an on-going crime, fire or health emergency.

255-2345 – for other problems such as noise, property damage, suspected drug or prostitution activity, overnight sleeping in parks or other public places,

alcohol consumption in parks where it is prohibited, trespassing, door-to-door scamming, aggressive panhandling, or other suspicious activity.

245-3662 – for self-reporting if you suffer property loss or damage but have no suspect information.

209-7817 – This is the direct line to our own Community Police Liaison, Officer Tim Radke. If you have any issues or concerns about a specific crime or some on-going suspicious activity or problem behavior in the community, you can and should contact Officer Radke. He is there to address the policing needs of our neighborhood and to make sure the department is tracking and responding to any negative trends that might be emerging. He also has an email address tradke@cityofmadison.com.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer in the neighborhood.

- Patrick McDonnell

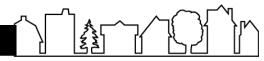
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Business



Burnie's Rock Shop: A Hobby that Got Out of Control!



For more than four decades, Burnie's Rock Shop has been the local resource par excellence for area fossil and mineral collectors, jewelry makers and other connoisseurs of rare stones.

"It was a hobby that got out of control," is how present owner Evin Franke describes his father Burnie's beginnings in the rock and fossil trade.

Burnie Franke had been collecting petrified wood, fossils, and minerals from all over the country, when the University of Wisconsin YMCA, where he worked as a cook, gave him some space in the lower level to exhibit his collection.

From this location, which was known basically only to insiders, he moved to a storefront on Monroe Street in the early 1960s and, about thirty years ago, to its present location at the corner of East Johnson and Paterson in Madison.

Meanwhile he had expanded his product range to include more jewelry-

making equipment and materials, including silver wire, gemstones and some gold.

"He had a good student clientele that was making jewelry," explains Evin Franke.

Burnie Franke kept on collecting all that time and he established a solid customer base of fossil and rock collectors, as well as stonecutters

and jewelry makers.

But as the market has changed over the years, so has the focus of Burnie's Rock Shop. While fossils, minerals and gemstones are still a large part of the offer, they added more finished products and decorative items, although the emphasis remains mainly on stoneware, like marble-inlaid boxes or stone candleholders.

"Mineral specimens are always very popular, as are fossils, and although we have moved more towards finished products, we still have a ridiculously broad variety of inventory," says Evan Franke.

His father Burnie retired in 1997, and after a partnership for the succession didn't work, Evin took over in 1999. In the past he had worked for his father, apprenticed at Studio Jewelers and run a wholesale stonecutting business.

With his reliable staff he sees Bur-

nie's Rock Shop firmly anchored in the community, describing it as "the most fascinating place to shop, simply through the breadth of the inventory. There is no other place like it. We have a lot of unique materials also from an earth-sciences point of view."

The beads for jewelry makers still play a vital part in the business, "especially after Jade Mountain went out of business".

Nevin's wife Sonali is a graduate of the Gemoloical Institute of America; she designs fine jewelry and does custom which, together with many unique gift items from around he world, is exhibited in Burnie's Design Annex, just around the corner from the Rock Shop on Paterson Street.

- George Zens

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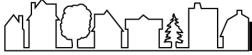
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East Gorham Closed for the Summer

Work started on the East Gorham Street reconstruction on May 19 and will last until September 1.

The affected area will be from Baldwin Street to Livingston Street. A signed detour for westbound E. Johnson Street traffic is as follows: E. Johnson Street to N. First Street to E. Washington Avenue to N. Webster Street to E. Dayton Street to Wisconsin Avenue, and then back to W. Gorham Street.

Livingston Street to Butler Street will remain open to through traffic for the duration of construction. The project includes replacing sanitary and storm sewer, water main, curb & gutter and pavement from Few Street to Livingston Street. The pavement will be overlaid with asphalt in selected areas from Livingston to Butler.

Traffic crossing E. Gorham Street within the project limits will be main-

tained as much as possible. When it is necessary to close the intersections, only one intersection at a time will be closed to cross traffic. However, N. Paterson Street will be open, crossing E. Gorham Street, at all times.

Local and emergency vehicle access to all properties will be maintained at all times. Sidewalk will be maintained on at least one side of the street at all times.

Severe congestion and delays are anticipated, especially during the morning commute. Motorists are encouraged to use different routes to avoid delay during this project.

You can check for construction updates at: http://www.cityof-madison.com/engi-

neering/TrafficAlerts/index.cfm.

Buses will also be detoured. Routes 2, 4, 9 & 28 detour will travel on East Washington and is expected to last through September. Complete bus detour information can be found at: http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/Detours/GorhamSt/gorhamst.html.



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Parks



Disappearing Silos Top James Madison Wish List

Another Earth Day has come and gone and Spring is in full swing. Thanks to all who showed up to plant, weed and clean-up the neighborhood. Tenney, Filene, James Madison and Reynolds are looking pretty good and good and pretty. Also, the fish are biting. Check it out.

Speaking of James Madison Park...representatives of TLNA

and Capitol Neighborhoods met there with City of Madison Parks Guy, Si Wistrand, and Alder Brenda on May 14 and shared long discussed improvements and maintenance of that park due to a \$200,000 budget allocation for 2008. At the top of everyone's wish list is removal of the concrete silos followed



beach and boat ramp. These projects are being costed after which we hope they will be done and paid for.

Also, check out the newly installed bridge memorial over by the locks and boat landing at Tenney and the new purple martin house hovering above the locks in the rain garden.

Have a wonderful summer.

- Jim Sturm. Parks Chair

closely by resurfacing of the basketball courts, installation of a toilet or two at that end of the park, installing an irrigation system and re-seeding and/or re-sodding the playing fields and restoring the

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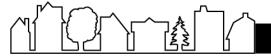




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Solar Hot Water Works in Our Neighborhood

One positive outcome of rising energy costs is the desire we now have to become more involved in helping to solve the energy problem. Florescent light bulbs, insulation, and conservation do not feel like enough anymore. Jason and Tonya Delborne at 406 Sidney Street have taken the next step by installing a solar hot water system.

"We were looking for a way to invest a modest amount of money in making our home more energy efficient. Most things had already been done (windows, energy star appliances), but I was surprised to learn that installing a solar hot water system wouldn't break our budget. We were really excited to be able to "go solar" with a project that was fairly small scale."

Solar hot water is actually one of the earliest uses of solar energy. Campers know solar power can provide a very pleasant and inexpensive hot water shower outdoors some of the time. But

at home we need temperature control and volume. To determine if your location has enough access to the sun you will need a site assessment. Jason and Tonya said: "A professional from the Citizens Energy Cooperative came and did a site assessment. He measured our annual sun exposure by checking the layout of our roof and surrounding obstacles such as trees. He also determined the optimal place to locate the auxiliary hot water storage tank and where to run the two pipes between the solar collectors and the basement."

A site assessment should provide all the details you need about how much solar power you could harness at your location. Jason and Tonya provided us with specific information about what it will cost.

"Solar Mining Company installed four solar panels on our roof in May 2006. It took 1 ½ days – perhaps could have been done in one but a partially

rainy day slowed them down. The panels were manufactured by Solargenix. All of this was coordinated by the Citizens Energy Cooperative (CES). The total cost was \$8,200 for the site assessment, all materials, and installation. We received an immediate rebate from CEC of \$300, a rebate from the Focus on Energy program (Wisconsin) within 3 months of \$2,460; a federal tax credit (not deduction) of \$2000 that carries over year to year if your tax liability is less than \$2,000 in a given year. So our net cost was \$3,440."

Heating hot water is the second largest expense home owners have. Still \$3440 is a lot of money at one time. Here's what Jason and Tonya said about cost recovery: "We didn't live here long enough to compare many utility bills before and after the installation, but the CEC projected an annual savings of 80% of the energy we would use to heat hot water. This translated into a payback





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time of 7-8 years, with some fairly conservative assumptions about the increases in the price of natural gas. Looking at our gas bill, our usage is consistently under 0.5 therms/per day in the summer and has been as low as 0.138 therms/day (August 2007) — and we cook a lot on our gas stove! We're selling our house now (after only two years), but we feel proud to have installed something that will reduce

energy consumption in this home no matter who lives here."

For Jason and Tonya, calculating the payback time estimate, means their savings on energy cost amount to about \$400 a year. That's thousands of dollars over the lifetime of their solar collectors. Solar hot water systems are long lasting, reliable and low maintenance.

And there is more involved than just saving money. "We're really proud to have the solar system and feel amazed that it isn't required on all new home construction. It's such an elegant and simple system that saves so much energy. It's also great that there is no change in our "service" since solar hot water simply feeds into the conventional hot water heater tank. In other words, the conventional hot water heater only uses energy to bring the water "up to temp" if the solar panels haven't already done so. This also means that we have up to 130 gallons of hot water at any given time – so we could never run out of hot water.

As to how they work: most hot water systems use flat plate collectors that circulate fluid (glycol) through tubes that absorb the sun's thermal energy while in the collector. The heated fluid travels via the tubes into a storage tank which preheats the water used by a traditional water heater (upgraded for maximum efficiency). Jason and Tonya added: "There is a solar-powered circulation pump on the roof that moves the glycol



(a non-toxic anti freeze) through the collectors and down to the basement (and back). So it uses no electricity beyond that which it generates."

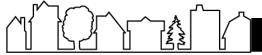
Thanks to Jason and Tonya for sharing. They will be moving to Colorado during the summer. Colorado's gain and our loss!

- Joe Brogan









We're Booked

Books on Vacation

In preparation for any family vacation, we willingly take charge of packing the family reading materials. We put far much more care and attention into this part of the packing ritual than the clothing or the food. We know that asking our kids to pack some books is like asking them to invite their teacher along. This is VACATION after all. We also know, however, that once on the road, hooking them into a book is a piece of cake if we have packed the right titles.

Our family reading sessions can take the form of read alouds, books on "tape", or pass around books. Here are a few of our biggest vacation hits.

Ages 6 and older

Homer Price by Robert McCloskey (Jean)

Shantymen of Cache Lake (The Bains series) by Bill Freeman (Jean)

Ages 8 and older

With Pipe, Paddle and Song by Elizabeth Yates (Jean)

Ghost Canoe by Will Hobbs (Jean) Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech (Ann)

The Harry Potter Series (Ann)
Anything written by Farley Mowat
(Jean)

Ages 13 and older

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne (Ann)

Chew on This: Everything you don't want to know about fast food

by Eric Schlosser (Ann)

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (Ann)

Have a great trip!
- Jean Dunn, Ann Rulseh

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Supervisor's Report



Celebrate Our Precious Lakes

The 2008 county Take a Stake in the Lakes is upon us and is happening June 7 - 22. This has become an annual event, inviting residents to help in keeping our lakes, rivers and streams clean, raise awareness of the importance of these waterways in our quality of life and in the ways in which our lives affect the quality of our waters, as well as enjoying them. It begins with the Clean Lakes Festival, an event put on by the Mad-City Ski team in order to raise money for our local lakes. The festival is Saturday, June 7th at Olin Park from 8am to 9pm and includes a 5k run/walk, kids races, boat rides, educational exhibits, water ski clinics, Betty Lou cruises, music, food and drinks. This year's celebration will be raising money for the Dane County Lakes and Watersheds Commission to help in cleaning up and maintaining some of our most precious natural assets.

The Lakes Clean-Up event will be happening in parks along Lake Mendota on June 14 and Lake Monona on June 21. This is a lakeshore clean-up activity, combining public equipment with volunteer help to ready our water resources for summer use. Volunteer SCUBA divers conduct lake bottom clean-ups earlier in the season. For more information, contact Rhea Stangel-Maier at 224-3601 or stangel-maier@co.dane.wi.us.

The 10th annual 'Paddle to Work Day' will be celebrated on Thursday,

June 19 (rain date Friday, June 20), when people will paddle and row to their places of employment. Those who can't paddle on the 19th should paddle to work any day between June 7 and 22. One commuter flotilla of many canoes and kayaks will leave from Starkweather Creek at Olbrich Park on Lake Monona at approximately 6:30am, picking up fellow paddlers at Hudson Park, Yahara Place Park, Morrison Park, BB Clarke Beach, and arriving at Law Park near Monona Terrace Convention Center at approximately 7:30am. Planned routes and schedules sent to lakes@co.dane. wi.us will be shared with other paddlers to facilitate even larger flotillas at many locations.

A recent and ongoing partnership to protect and improve the Yahara River chain of lakes has been immersed in a visioning and planning process to address the needs of our lakes. The emerging 'Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership' has agreed that its planning needs to be 'practical,' with coordinated effects including specific implementation objectives and timelines aimed at producing achievable results, and also 'visionary,' in the sense that it inspires the community to develop goals reflective of the will of the diverse stakeholders in the lakes' systems, even if the goals may be viewed by some as unachievable due to constraints of resources and/or political will.

Over the next two years, the partners intend to develop a 'visionary plan' that builds on the existing knowledge and initiatives that have already occurred to-date through the UW system as well as the state-funded 'Lake Mendota Priority Watershed Project,' whose 11-year implementation phase ends in 2008. By utilizing this new lakes partnership, area residents, businesses, and other partners will become more engaged to assist lake managers in regrouping, reassessing, and identifying what focused efforts remain that could make real differences in improving the health and enjoyment of our lakes. The Partnership's hope is that a community-supported 'practical vision' will inspire broader community involvement and funding for implementation to reach that vision. The goal is that a long-term partnership organization will emerge to guide and track progress in reaching that vision for the future of Yahara lakes.

For more information, contact the Office of Lakes and Watersheds (608-224-3764 or lakes@co.dane.wi.us) and remember that you can always contact me at vedder.barbara@co.dane.wi.us.

- Barbara Vedder

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On Sunday, June 29 from 1-5pm, you will experience the Tenney/Lapham Neighborhood's Seventh Art Walk. Thirteen artists who live in our neighborhood will exhibit their original artwork. Use the map to guide yourself to each of the artist's home studios. Look for a fuscia-colored sign at each artist's house. The artists have described their own artwork in the following paragraphs. For more information or more maps, call 256-6282.

1. Sharon Redinger 408 Washburn Place 256-6282 WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Sharon's watercolor style is described as Hard-edge Watercolor Painting. The close-up world of leaves has captured Sharon's attention. Each wash of color is left to dry before another is placed next to it. Saturated colors and dark shadows are created by multiple layers of color washes.

1. Bill Redinger 408 Washburn Place 256-6282 SERIGRAPH PRINTING

Since 1987, Bill has found it enjoyable to depict scenes from creation – imitating nature. For now, his favorite subject matter is wild flowers—flowers that have become a metaphor of the brevity of life. The prints Bill creates capture the light and fleeting beauty of objects of nature. A serigraph is an original color print made by pressing ink/pigment (with a squeegee) through a silkscreen stencil.

2. Jane Scharer 842 Prospect Place 251-0850 PRINTMAKING

Jane looked forward to returning to her favorite activity, making art, for many years when she retired. That time has come and she is now having a won-

Art Walk

derful experience. You will see prints (etchings, monoprints and linoprints) and drawings.

3. Brian McCormick 407 N. Brearly Street 255-6769 WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS

Recently retired from a bureaucratic state job, Brian has return to watercolors after many years away from doing any artwork. Active in art in his younger years, he is thrilled to be back at it once again. Combining his art with a love of the woods, hills and prairies of the Driftless Region, he is producing landscape paintings for the first time.

4. Jeff Wilton 1202 Sherman Avenue 280-9286 PANORAMIC LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY

Panoramic large scale prints from a 360 degree field of view. "Most of my images right now are winter photos of frozen Lake Mendota, but you can't show images of snow and ice in June."

5. Brooke Godfrey 1123 Elizabeth Street 217-6010

DRAWING

Brooke is an artist who will be graduating with an M.F.A. this semester from U.W. Madison. Her main body of work consists of detailed hand-drawn images which are layered and shaded in Photoshop. Her work blurs the distinction between commercial renderings and graphic novels.

5. Chris Wahl 1123 Elizabeth Street 239-8826 PHOTOGRAPHY, CERAMICS

Chris is an artist holding a B.S. in philosophy from UW Madison. Chris will be showing photographic work from a past series of black and white close ups of recognizable dolls as well as some recent hand-built ceramic forms that are vessel like in nature.

6. Emily Kircher 1129 East Johnson Street 843-3679

RECYCLED ART

Emily Kircher is a recycling artist, hence the business name EKRA. By combining crafting techniques and the art of seeing the potential in discarded items, she creates new, functional items. Some of her most popular items include rugs and purses crocheted with yarn hand-cut from fabric salvaged from clothes, linens, and remnants; frames mosaiced with tiles she cuts from vintage cups and plates; and magnets made with images from old books and bottle caps. You can read about her love of garbage on her blog: www.etchouse. com/ekra. You can view and purchase her work from her online store: www. ekra.etsv.com.

7. Kathi Bresnehan

1220 East Mifflin Street 257-4110

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTINGS, MIXED MEDIA

"Kathi's front porch art" is contemporary folk art, mixed media, whimsical & washable paintings, candlesticks, birdhouses, and furniture.

Subject matter includes: family, friends, flowers neighborhood kids and pets. I am also fond of polka dots!

8. Jennifer Blasen 421 North Baldwin Street 286-1776

POTTERY

I specialize in functional handmade pottery that is meant to be used everyday. I first studied pottery in Japan as an exchange student in college and have continued exploring the medium over the years. I have the perfect mug for your morning coffee, a set of soup bowls, or even a cupcake stand to cel-

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ebrate a special birthday. You can see more of my work at my online store at www.jennyblasenpottery.etsy.com. Select pieces of my pottery are also for sale at the Kitchen Gallery on Willy Street.

9. Caroline Hoffman 462 Marston Avenue 257-0958 PHOTOGRAPHY, MIXED MEDIA

Water and flowers have been my focus this year, along with images of Tenney Park. I have been capturing the power and movement of water and the absolute beauty of flowers. There will be prints, collages/assemblages and an abundance of cards.



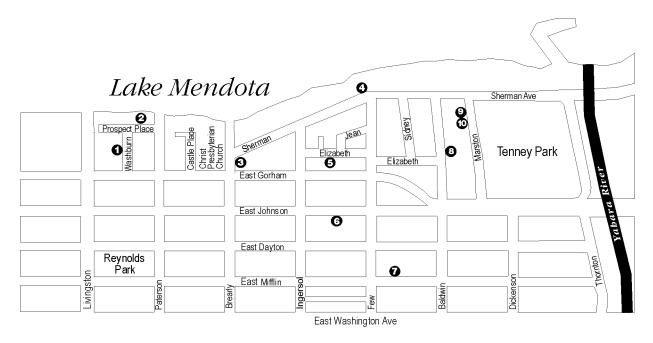
10. Lorna Aaronson 464 Marston Avenue 255-0296 HAND MADE BOOKS AND BOXES

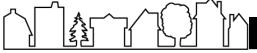
Lorna has been a resident of the neighborhood since 1985, and has been making a variety of journals, sketchbooks, and decorative boxes for nearly 15 years. The handmade books and boxes are covered with a wide variety of beautiful papers. Her newest work includes creating and using paste papers, a craft that dates to 17th century Germany. See background and examples on her web page, www.inward-bound.us.

Artwork on this page: Barbie and Ken by Chris Wahl Pottery by Jenny Blasen









A controversy erupted in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood in May when Mark Staskal, a 43-year old man who stabbed his 16-year old sister to death 23 years ago and who has been residing in the Mendota Mental Health Institute since then, was slated to be released to a group home, Brighter Life Living, located at 924 E. Mifflin Street. After several days, Jason Standish, the owner of Brighter Living, told Alder Konkel that he had withdrawn his agreement to have Staskal live at the East Mifflin Street site. Following are comments posted by area residents on TLNA's listsery:

As I shared (very little) with the TLNA last week, we have a highly controversial person who has been authorized to be released from Mendota into our neighborhood. The court has made a decision, the DHFS is carrying out the plan. We have very little say in the matter. This is not an ideal situation for our community. However, I was privileged to be in a confidential briefing regarding this matter and have heard much more than will be released to public. This information cannot legally can't be released because of the patient's right to confidentiality. While I am concerned about this situation, I do feel like the professionals involved have put a reasonable plan in place and have confidence in their abilities to do what they can within their control to keep the community safe.

This state program is a nationally recognized program. In 2007 they only had a 6% return rate for rule violations when people were conditionally released. Only 1% were returned for new offenses and none of them were violent. Obviously, each individual is different and has different needs, but I do feel like that plan put in place for this situation has been well thought out.

- Brenda Konkel

Twenty years ago, a supposedly non-violent resident of a group home (on E. Dayton) similar in size to the one described stabbed and killed my downstairs neighbor, Debra Beebe, a wonderful and dedicated social worker. The perpetrator was known to be an arsonist previously, but he grabbed a dinner knife and cornered Debra in the basement of the group home.

I also have a relative who has lived in another group home. Though the one she lived in is well-run and supervised, the ones I have seen are NOT equipped to deal with potentially-violent mentally ill people. I share your concerns and wonder if we should perhaps listen to this person's own mother, who recommends that he NOT be released.

- Gay

The process that has resulted in this treatment plan is wrong on so many levels. It wrong to create fear and animosity in a community based on bureaucratic principles and then locate a person in that community. It is hard to see who that process could benefit, except possibly individuals who stand to gain economically. It is wrong to fail to consider the impact on the community as one aspect of the plan. I am guessing this has ruined the end of the school for many families with young children and my heart goes out to those of you who have children at Lapham and feel concerned for their safety.

It is wrong that there is no community oversight in this process. Is there any legal means of challenging the court order? Any legal recourse? A process by which an injunction against the order could be pursued? I do not have the legal training to answer those questions but the inconsistencies between what the state has reported (for example about the training of the group home staff) and what is actually the case are disturbing. If the DHFS can do whatever it wants based on a court order from a different jurisdiction, then in my opinion the process is out of control -- perhaps it can only be corrected legislatively and perhaps we will have to pursue that. It is hard to reconcile one person's right to privacy (which is hardly enhanced by the way this is handled now) with a community's right to know but the balance we do not now have is necessary.

I understand that the official process has no room for our concern or feelings -- even our concerns about the location of group home so near an elementary school. I understand that in terms of the official process these are worth nothing. It is the nature of a government based on principles of "justice" rather than "compassion" for this to be the case. However, I have seen cases where a public storm which has no place in the official process has made a difference and created change. It might turn out to be true that our public display of consternation would be fruitless but it might not and we won't know unless we produce it.

Whatever happens, we have a lot of work to do to advocate for processes that give communities more control - and I am grateful to those of you who have been doing this work so far. Because we have an active neighborhood association, we have a framework for organizing and a sense of the history of this issue. I am so grateful for your work



and lucky to have you as neighbors. Oh yes, and I have to get my membership in.

- S116

brenda,

did it ever occur to you to not be in favor of this idea? and to say so publicly.

if i read the state journal correctly today this guys placement was denied at another location due to violation of his release conditions.

and furthermore, why is is this halfway house located where it is? Does it not violate the 2500 foot state law as far as placement of group homes?

why would anyone think that placing a person who killed his sister across the street from breese stevens field where hundreds of young women gather each year for state soccer tournaments a good idea? not to mention the proximity to our school.

remember this guy was put back in mendota for "bad thoughts" what would he think about hundreds of girls across the street?

i for one am willing to be counted as being opposed to this scheme and frankly sick and tired of our neighborhood being used as a repository for halfway houses etc.

- john

You want to know how I feel?

I feel infinitely frustrated. I have information that makes me feel more comfortable than if I didn't have that information. And yet, I can't share it with all of you - due to legal reasons - so that you can feel a little more at ease. Does this information make me feel 100% confident. No. However, we have a set of state laws, a court has made a decision and due to my legal training, I understand that me pitching a fit isn't going to change any of that.

I just found out that the Wisconsin State Journal has a copy of the treatment plan and will be posting it on-line this evening. If that happens, my understanding is that the DHFS staff still can't talk about things publicly. So, having a meeting will still be frustrating. However, they may be better able to talk around some issues. I'm trying to find a way to have a productive meeting - and that can only happen if the state is there and plays and active role. I was going to meet with Captain Schauf and the Mayor's Office to figure out how to have a neighborhood meeting today, but that didn't happen. But I did talk to both of them today and we feel if we hold a meeting on our own, it will be near pointless - all we could do is share generalities about how a police respond to these types of situations. I'm also trying to get Captain Schauf to work on a sample plan for what they do when someone like this is released into the community and she was going to try to figure something out.

I also am trying to follow up on getting more information about the CBRFs that are in our community and I understand the staff will present that information to us on Tuesday.

As the press gets more information and more information leaks into the community, hopefully this discussion will get easier, but up until yesterday, I couldn't even say the name of the guy or give the address.

And, just fyi - I did ask many questions about "why this neighborhood" - unfortunately the answer has to do with the treatment plan and therefore I can't tell you. And that leads me back to the beginning of this email.

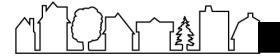
How do I feel?

Infinitely frustrated.

- Brenda Konkel

Schizophrenia is a treatable brain disorder. The age of onset is usually in the person's early 20s. That would mean that Mark S.'s condition was most likely not under treatment during the time of his violent behavior. It is most likely that his condition flared, he acted violently against a family member, and then underwent treatment. Medications for this condition have also improved markedly in the past 20 years. People with schizophrenia can lead productive lives. I think it is a very positive sign that Mark self reported violent thoughts during his last release rather than acting on them!

"I think that our greatest fear should be fear itself." We are all statistically more at risk to be involved in a car accident within two miles of where we live than to be harmed by this incoming Tenney-Lapham resident. I'm more worried about the traffic that will be diverted onto East Mifflin this summer because of the Gorham construction. Our speed bumps are not tall enough to slow down SUVs and larger vehicles that may use our street as a detour.



Mark S. has a severe mental illness, but from what the State Journal article says, it does not sound as if he is a sociopath, meaning violent in general toward strangers. According to statistics about homicide, it seems we are more at risk to be killed by a family member, sad but true. It seems to be human nature to direct our anger at those closest to us. Mark's uncontrolled emotions and the consequent violent actions had tragic consequences with his sister. But then, his violence was directed at someone he knew, not a random stranger. I hope this information calms some nerves. Can you corroborate any of this, Brenda, without it compromising confidentiality?

I suggest that we could all learn a lot more about mental illness.

Most importantly, if we are concerned about people who have committed felonies living within a half mile (or a block in this case) of a school, let's discuss that rather than judge this particular man's history.

- Rebecca

I am concerned but I feel comfortable that this is being handled correctly. We do live in a city and we do need to educate our kids.

However, I have to question the judgment of whomever decided to locate this type of facility 1/2 block from a grade school. We are as protective of our kids as a sow bear with her cubs, and when we perceive a threat we will react. I think it would be helpful to know more about the facility and the people running it.

- David

I encourage you to watch a report that Channel 3 did last night (the transcript is also there): http://www.channel3000.com/news/16268348/detail.html

From that report:

"In court on Tuesday, Ray Jablonski, of the Rock County District Attorney's Office, asked State Department of Health and Family services official Glenn Larson about the staffing situation at the group home.

"He will be watched 24-7, line-of-sight by people who aren't yet hired and whose qualifications we don't yet know -- is that true?" Jablonski asked.

"I don't know for certain if they have been hired or have yet to be trained," Larson answered.

The state predicted that Staskal will move in within roughly two weeks. But in testimony at a court hearing Tuesday, a manager in charge of the placement wasn't even clear whether staff had been hired, much less trained. And that wasn't all he was unclear about, WISC-TV reported.

Jablonski asked: "Do you know the educational background of the operator of the adult family home?" "I believe he has a master's degree in social work," Larson answered.

Later, group home operator Jason Standish contradicted that answer himself, testifying, "I don't have any educational background -- formal background in social work."

In other words, the state official who helped place Mr. Staskal did not even know the background of the owner of that group home!

- Bob

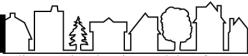
Let me start out by saying that I am NOT a lawyer but I do understand that this issue probably involves the convergence of a number of laws, regulations and court findings including the Federal Fair Housing Act Amendment, the Americans with Disability Acts and state and local zoning laws.

It is my non-lawyer understanding that the zoning restrictions that John refers to do not apply to people with disabilities.

Brenda, how about getting a legal opinion on the siting of this particular facility from the city attorney or can we assume that has already been done since it's already licensed?

My initial reaction to news of this man living in our neighborhood and so close to Breese Stevens and Lapham was that "no, this guy should not be living here". Than I started to reflect a little more and considered:

1. The murder of his sister occurred 23 years ago during a time when we were not so well equipped to understand how to



treat people with mental illness. I'm also guessing that he may not even have been diagnosed at that time and therefore receiving no treatment. As far as I know he has not committed any dangerous acts in 23 years.

- 2. The community service system in Dane County is exceptionally skilled at serving people with mental illness in the community. Clearly someone who has been institutionalized for 23 years is going to need a lot of community support from mental health experts.
- 3. We are jumping to conclusions when we assume that his delusions are about children or young girls.

Having said that I am still concerned that he was not able to be successful in Eau Claire and that was not all that long ago and I would like to know more about the qualifications of the person who is opening this CBRF (or is it already open and running?)

- Pat

Tenney-Lapham Community Saddened by Med Flight Tragedy

Just weeks before its tragic crash, UW Health's Med Flight Helicopter landed at Tenney Park to help us celebrate our Slow Down Campaign kickoff. Over 50 kids had the opportunity to watch the helicopter land and take off, and to see the inside of this lifesaving machine. Monday morning after the crash three roses were delivered to the ER Reception desk at UW Hospitals. From there they were sent up to the helipad on the roof.

The small card read:

With Deepest Sympathies And with Gratitude From Not Just the Many You Have Saved But From All You Have Inspired

On the back it noted that the flowers were from the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood and Safe Communities. Thanks to Tim Olsen, TLNA Transportation Chair, for this lovely gesture on our behalf.

-Cheryl Wittke









Tenney-Lapham Hosts Slow Down Campaign Kickoff

"If we can slow traffic to 25 on this street \$25 is a small price to pay" according to Tim Olsen, Transportation Chair of Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association. Olsen made this comment as he passed off a \$25 check from Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association to a surprised motorist during Safe Communities Slow Down Campaign kickoff on April 16th

As TLNA's "\$25 for 25" effort was underway, neighborhood families and kids held signs and chanted "thanks for slowing down" to passing motorists. Madison Police Department's TEST

Unit conducted a speed wave and "slow down" yard signs lined the streets. Safe Communities and Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association hosted this year's kickoff on Johnson Street and at Tenney Park Beach.

A crowd of parents and children attended the event after early release from school. Festivities included a UW Health MedFlight landing at the park and an opportunity to check out fire engines, squad cars and free Chocolate Shoppe ice cream. Madison Police recently stopped a motorist driving 60 miles per hour on Johnson at Marston. The speed limit is 25 for a reason – this is a residential neighborhood.

Every now and then folks passing

through and neighborhood residents need to be reminded to slow down. Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association is particularly challenged by traffic speeds dividing the neighborhood in two,

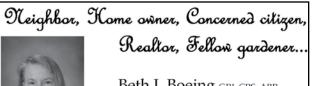
according to Pat McDonnell, TLNA President.

"We're very fortunate to have a new, beautiful bike path along the Yahara River. This route makes it possible for people to get across the Isthmus without crossing busy E. Johnson and E. Washington", he added. "However, speeds on Johnson and Gorham really affect the quality of life in our neighborhood. As UW students move to high rises downtown and the rental market continues to soften, we have a real opportunity to turn student housing into affordable, owner occupied housing in our neighborhood. Great schools, beautiful parks and proximity to downtown make this neighborhood attractive to families. Speeding traffic on Johnson and Gorham makes those areas a tough sell to families looking for a safe environment for their kids", he said.

Safe Communities' red "slow down" signs were inspired Tenney Lapham's campaign launched years ago, said Cheryl Wittke, Executive Director of Safe Communities and the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Council. "Remember those signs - they read - "this is a residential neighborhood - drive 25?"

The local Slow Down campaign is now a two county effort and has been replicated in communities across the country, she added. Twenty-two area neighborhood associations and 26 Dane County communities participated in this year's Slow Down Campaign. Campaign activities include posting of over 4,500 yard signs across Dane and Jefferson Counties reminding motorists to "Slow Down, Watch for Kids", stepped up speed enforcement by local police departments, and neighborhood speed watch efforts.

The faster vehicles travel, the more likely crashes are to occur and the more severe the injuries will be. Children and older adults are especially vulnerable.



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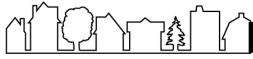
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At 20 mph, 5% are killed, most injuries are slight and 30 percent suffer no injuries at all. At 30 mph, 45% are KILLED and many are injured. At 40 mph, 85% ARE KILLED.

Tenney Lapham neighbors and anyone else interested in picking up yard signs can get them at any local police department. For more information on how to reduce speeding in your neighborhood, please visit Safe Communities' website at www.safercommunity.net, or call 256-6713.

Safe Communities thanks American Family Insurance for its generous support of this year's campaign.

- Cheryl Wittke



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SportsLife Camp at Christ Church

This August, Christ Presbyterian Church will be hosting a SportsLife summer camp for children ages 6-11. SportsLife camps (www.sportslifecamps.com) will bring their innovative sports and arts program to over 80 midwest churches this summer. Kids can choose one of four activity tracks: Soccer, Street Hockey, Dance/Cheerleading or Arts Extravaganza. The program also includes dinner, an assembly with Bible story and music, and fun "side shows" like an obstacle course and the rubber chicken challenge. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend!

Where: Christ Presbyterian Church (944 E. Gorham St.)

When: Monday August 11 – Thursday August 14, 5:30-8:30 pm

Who: Kids entering 1st-5th grade in fall of 2008

Cost: \$35, includes a t-shirt (scholar-ships are available)

Registration deadline: August 1st For registration materials contact the church office: 257-4845

Gardeners Needed

We are looking for a volunteer gardener who will maintain the southern garden island at the intersection of N. Baldwin/Elizabeth Street. If you are interested, please contact Mary Jo at 255-6931

Neighborhood Happenings

Cork 'n Bottle Anniversary

Come celebrate the 48th anniversary of the Cork 'n Bottle with a picnic on Saturday, July 12th, 2008. If Mother Nature cooperates, there will be live music by the Cork 'n Bottle String Band, free popcorn, and root beer on tap. Enquire at the store (855 E. Johnson St.) for further details.

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Martins are Back

The purple martins have returned to their homes in the gourds near the locks at Tenney Park. And they have a future new home close to the locks. Jim Sturm and Bob Shaw moved the martin condo that used to be on Marston over to the locks, hoping that the proximity to the gourds will spur the martins to nest there. The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association provided funding for the purchase of a metal pole that holds a cable and pulley that raises and lowers the martin house.



Bob Shaw and Jim Sturm at the newly installed martin house



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Poet's Corner



Last Lilacs

They have chopped Down the lilacs
On the far edge
Of town.

The indeterminate, Vague "they" Who are always So BUSY...

The lilacs I anticipate Every year as I drive To my BUSYness place. Why?

To no good purpose I can intuit.
Plot too small
For new sprawl—

No high line wires Nearby to snarl. What I want To know is Hey, They, what Did Beauty Ever do to you?

- Gay Davidson-Zielske 4/10/08

Upon my Birthmate Shakespeare's Birthday

"Little Latin and less Greek," you say?
Why, sirrah had you only seventeen,
Your words would still be echoing today
Had no man ever writ a line between.

We scribblers fall unto our knees in awe Whenst thou unfurls a naughty bit of dog'rel Thou tosseth it off like a girl her shawl While we grub and weep and crow like cockrel

If ere a line of ours bursts into print Whether that print be small-run mag or blog. This thou knewst, like Emily D. Better to have writ, and shouted to the bog

Than never writ and only always been. A promising old poet with a dried-up pen.

Happy Birthday to Both of Us, Will!
- Gay Davidson-Zielske





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Safety

Graffiti

Tenney-Lapham Police Calls from January 1 through May 18

Following are statistics that our neighborhood police officer Tim Radke generated for the period from 01/01/08 - 05/18/08. These statistics reflect calls generated - not necessarily calls that were founded. That is, if there was more than one call on an incident, there may be more than one call generated for one incident. Also, if calls were found to be unfounded (perhaps someone called in a suspicious person, but upon investigation the person was found to have a legitimate reason for being there), they are represented in this manner as well.

During this time period, 892 incidents case numbers were generated through our system.

A little more specific info-

Burglaries residential and non-residential

3 in January

6 in February

1 in March

3 in April

6 in 800-1000 E Johnson St (some appear they may be related due to time and proximity of incidents)

Accidents

27 on or at E Washington 8 on or at E Gorham 17 on or at E Johnson

Injury Accidents

7 on or at E Washington 3 on or at Gorham/Paterson 11 on or at E Johnson

Intoxicated Drivers

4 on E Washington 10 block W Gorham E Mifflin near Few

Theft from Autos

-800 E Gorham (2) 900 E Johnson

1000 E Dayton

All reported between 11:00 am and 2:30 pm

2 in March, 1 in April, 1 in May

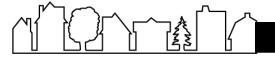
Graffiti

3 in 1300 block E Washington 800 block E Johnson Sherman/Marston Gorham/Ingersoll 900 E Mifflin 2 in Jan, 2 in Feb, 1 in March, 2 in April

If you have any specifc questions, please contact Officer Tim Radke at:
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cell (608) 209-7817

Traffic Incident 148 On-street Parking 68 Accidents 67 Private Property Parking 48 Information 45 Check Person 41 Noise Complaints 38 Check Property 31 Assist Citizen 28 Injury Accidents 24 Safety Hazard 22 911 Disconnect 19 Traffic Arrest 17 Disturbance 17 **Stray Animals** 17 Towed Vehicles 16 Suspicious Persons 16 Assist Fire/PO 13 Threats Complaint 9 8 Suspicious Vehicles Tow/Abandonment 8 Non-Residential Burglary 8 False Alarm

Intoxicated Driver 6 Hit and run Accidents 6 **Domestics** 6 **Drug Incident** 6 5 Adult Arrest 5 **EMS** Assist 5 Alarm 5 Juvenile complaint 5 Residential Burglary 5 **Battery** Commitment 5 5 Violation of Court Order Missing Adults 4 Damage to Property 4 Attempt to Locate Person **Intoxicated Person** 4 Theft from Auto 4 **Animal Bite** 4 Found Property 3 3 Stolen Auto 3 Fight Calls 3 Lost Property Unwanted Person 3 3 Accident - Citizen report 3 **Death Investigation** 2 Fraud 2 Phone Call 2 Trespassing **Animal Disturbance** 2 2 Landlord/Tenant Issue 2 Thefts 2 Overdose 2 Civil Dispute Liquor Law Escort 1 Injured Person Preserve the Peace Neighbor Trouble 1 Annoying Phone Call Stalking Stolen Other **Substantial Battery** Armed Robbery 1 **Traffic Complaint** 1 Attempted Suicide 1 Stolen Bike 1



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Address	Square Ft	List Price
2 Sherman Terrace, #1	852	\$99,900
3 Sherman Terrace, #1	852	\$102,000
9 Sherman Terrace, #1	852	\$105,000
34 Sherman Terrace, #3	852	\$114,900
37 Sherman Terrace, #4	852	\$119,900
6 Sherman Terrace, #4	852	\$129,800
23 N. Ingersoll	1156	\$149,900
816 E. Johnson	900	\$159,900
952 E. Johnson	1583	\$189,900
938 E. Dayton	Multi-unit	\$192,900
313 N. Livingston	1550	\$199,900
319 N. Few	1469	\$199,900
311 N. Few	1672	\$214,900
125 N. Ingersoll	1610	\$239,900
1034 E. Gorham	1394	\$249,900
115 N. Paterson	1322	\$254,900
1212 E. Mifflin	1200	\$235,000
919 E. Johnson	1920	\$255,000
1145 Sherman Avenue	1410	\$256,000
123 N. Blount	1014	\$269,900
409 N. Baldwin	1863	\$279,900
327 N. Baldwin	1401	\$289,900
323 N. Baldwin	2137	\$304,900
421 Jean	2467	\$322,900
854 E. Gorham	2233	\$335,000
1223 E. Dayton	1915	\$339,900
406 Sidney	1978	\$429,900
410 N. Livingston	2507	\$550,000
1144 Sherman Avenue	1522	\$612,000
1028 Sherman Avenue	2144	\$900,000
752 E. Gorham	5320	\$950,000
1026 Sherman Avenue	3718	\$975,000
1140 Sherman Avenue	3169	\$1,200,000
834 Prospect Place	3704	\$1,287,400

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Address	Days on Market	List Price	Sold Price
17 Sherman Terrace, #1		\$110,000	
37 Sherman Terrace		\$129,800	
608 E. Mifflin	137	\$131,900	\$126,900
462 Jean	0	\$295,000	\$270,000
1114 E. Johnson	198	\$379,000	\$365,000
1234 Sherman Avenue	2	\$975,000	\$975,000

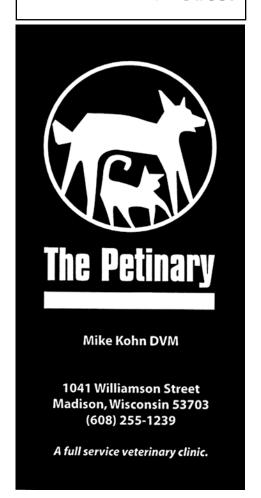
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A mother duck made her nest in a planter on the breakwater. Photographer Caroline Hoffman's pictures tell the story. It was said dad was at Warner Park practicing for opening day.

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